MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the year of his first or last appointment as Sub-Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sometime in 1101. I do not know the exact date.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know how long he had acting service as a Sub Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any instance where the claims of a Muslim were overlooked?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund.

101. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction is the Patron and the Inspector of Vernacular Schools is the President of the Travancore Educational Department Co-operative Benefit Fund Ltd., No. 1964;

(*b*) (i) the amount that has been collected by the above institution, (ii) the amount that has been distributed and (iii) the balance that is now (say, on 10-11-1109) available;

(*c*) the number of members on the rolls at present; and

(*d*) whether the Department is taking any step to protect the interests of the persons who have contributed to the Fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Bh. Rs. 94,453 Chs.3 Cash 2.

(ii) Bh. Rs. 10,744 Chs. 2 Cash 13.

(iii) Bh. Rs. 83,709 Chs. 0 Cash 5.

(*c*) 4,576 members.

(*d*) Certain proposals regarding the Fund made by the Director of Public Instruction are under the consideration of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is an officer of the name of Inspector of Vernacular Schools at present?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know who is the President of the Co-operative Benefit Fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Divisional Inspector, Quilon.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether, under the rules of the fund, the Divisional Inspector, Quilon, is entitled to continue as President?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am not quite sure whether he is entitled under the rules to function. But as the answer shows, recommendations have been made to Government to change the whole constitution and, pending the orders of Government, he is to carry on his previous work.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Director is now exercising his functions as Patron?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. His functions are very few under the rules.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): In answer to part (*b*) may I know the date on which proposals were submitted for the consideration of Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): 14th September 1934.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Are there applications for withdrawal by the members?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Such applications do not come to me.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Was it compulsory on the part of teachers to become members of the fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Was any force brought to bear on the teachers to become members of the fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): In answer to part (*c*) may I know whether all members make contributions?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot say whether the members given in the answer are at the moment members. But such of them as are members make their contributions.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know, is there permission to make the Divisional Inspector President of the fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know how this balance was invested and where?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot give the member a detailed statement. But I understand they are mainly invested in local banks.

Road from Ariyittakunnu Bungalow to First Bridge.

102. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the P. W. D. have received petitions from the people of Nedunganda (Chirayinkil taluk) complaining against the neglected condition of the road from the Ariyittakunnu Bungalow to First Bridge and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken upon them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

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